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Winter Party: **December 4th, 2013, 7:00 to 9:00 pm**
(instead of monthly general membership meeting)
WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

Our annual Winter Party is this Wednesday, December 4th. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Please notify **Ginny Leach, (253) 924-0432** regarding the dish you would like to bring, so we can ensure a variety and not all desserts or all side dishes.

From The Chair

2013 Election Results

The November 5 General Election is over and our endorsed candidates did very well. Of the 19 candidates and 1 Initiative we endorsed, 15 won, including 5 of our own members (and PCOs) as follows.

- Jim Ferrell - Federal Way Mayor
unseated an incumbent Republican - 55%
- Martin Moore - Federal Way City Council
unseated an incumbent Republican - 56%
- Geoffery McAnallo - Federal Way Board of Education
unseated an incumbent Republican - 53%
- Carol Gregory - Federal Way Board of Education
won an open seat - 52%
- Stacy May Knudtson - Pacific City Council
won an open seat - 61%

In addition, Leanne Guier, though she did not win her Pacific City Council race, she will remain as Mayor of Pacific.

Congratulations to all who won, as well as those who ran and came up short. It takes courage and passion to step forward and commit to run for office and we applaud you all for your efforts.

While we can bask in our accomplishments in this years' election, we cannot rest on our laurels. In 2014, the 30th LD will have 3 Congressional races (8th, 9th and 10th CDs) and 3 Legislative races (State Senator and 2 State Representatives) on the ballot. Four of those 6 races have Democratic Incumbents which we must retain. The other 2 races (8th Congressional and 1 State Representative) are winnable, and must do all we can to secure good Democratic candidates and support them to

victory in November, 2014.

Membership Dues - This is an early reminder that membership dues come due in February. A recent change in our bylaws allows those who have not paid dues for 2013, to pay for 2013 and 2014 after October by paying dues for 2014 only. Thus a basic membership of \$25 or family membership of \$35 covers both 2013 and 2014 if paid between October and December. Membership dues are a major portion of our fundraising and allow us to pay for our operating expenses and provide financial support to our endorsed candidates.

Mark Your Calendars for these events

- Wednesday, December 4
30th LD Democrats' annual Winter Party
- Sunday, December 10
Washington State Holiday Party/Dwight Pelz Roast
- Wednesday, January 8
30th LD Monthly Meeting-WEA building
- Wednesday, January 29
30th LD Executive Board Meeting
FW Library (320th Street)
- February — 2014 Dues renewal
- Monday, February 17
King County Legislative Action Day-Olympia
- Monday, February 17
Washington State Democrats' Crab Feed-Lacey
- Sunday, March 9
30th LD Caucus-to elect delegates to the State Convention
- Saturday, April 12
County Conventions
- Saturday, June 21
Washington State Democrats' Convention
Spokane

For further information on these events contact
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Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Boeing's Forced Squeeze

From The News Tribune

(<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/11/15/2893632/boeings-forced-squeeze-this-is.html>)

SEATTLE — This is how the middle class dies, not with a bang, but a forced squeeze.

After a global corporation posts record profits, it asks the state that has long nurtured its growth for the nation's biggest single tax break, and then tells the people who make its products that their pension plan will be frozen, their benefits slashed, their pay raises meager. Take it or we leave. And everyone caves.

Well, almost everyone. All went according to script as the Boeing Company showed what to expect in a grim future for a diminished class – the vanishing American factory worker. The threats were issued, the tax giveaways approved, the political leaders warned of the need to buckle to Boeing.

This didn't happen in a broken town with a broken industrial heart. It took place in one of the most prosperous metropolitan areas on the planet – Seattle – home to Starbucks, Costco, Microsoft, Nordstrom and Amazon.com, which is on its way to becoming the world's largest retailer.

But then came the final item, a vote of the people who actually assemble the planes. By a 2-1 margin on Wednesday, the machinists of Puget Sound told Boeing to stuff it. With this act of economic suicide, the state could lose up to 56,000 jobs on the new 777X plane. Cue your metaphor – the Alamo, Custer's Last Stand, Braveheart.

The events of the last few days show the utter bankruptcy of economic policy prescriptions offered by both political parties. You want tax breaks and deregulation – the Republican mantra? The \$8.7 billion granted Boeing this week is the largest single state-tax giveaway in the nation's history. It wasn't enough. You want government training for schools and highly skilled workers – the Democratic alternative? There was plenty of that, to Boeing's liking, in the package.

What Boeing wants is very simple: to pay the people who make its airplanes as little money as it can get away with. It needs to do this, we're told, to stay competitive. It has all the leverage, because enough states -- and countries -- are willing to give it everything it asks for. Who wouldn't want a gleaming factory stuffed with jet assemblers, a payroll guaranteed for a generation?

Boeing is on a roll, its stock at a record high despite the troubled rollout of its 787 Dreamliner, and the pay of its CEO boosted 20 percent to a package totaling \$27.5 million last year. It is not impelled, as the auto industry was five years ago, in the midst of bailouts and cutbacks. Boeing could afford to be generous, or at least not onerous. But it's easier to play state against state, the race to the bottom.

What Boeing's riveters, line-assemblers and welders want is a thimble of respect. People have been building flying machines in this region since young Bill Boeing rolled seaplanes out of a barn nearly 100 years ago. The machinists didn't ask for hefty pay raises or new benefits as a condition to keep the much-promoted 777X production in this region. They just wanted to preserve what they had -- jobs that could pay up upward of \$80,000 a year, with a guaranteed pension.

"I'm tired of being slapped in the face," said John Gilman, who has worked at Boeing for nearly 40 years. "Building airplanes -- it takes years of training and skill. The people who run this company used to understand that. But now it's run by bean counters and lawyers."

Gilman was among the thousands of factory workers voting on Boeing's take-it-or-we-leave proposal Wednesday. The anger was palpable. The president of the local machinists union had called the proposal "a piece of crap." Others referred to it as "the Walmartization of aerospace." As they voted, vultures circled, among them Gov. Rick Perry of Texas, who tweeted last week that his low-tax, low-wage state was ready to help Boeing.

One of the more tedious laments of our day is the bromide that we don't make things anymore in the United States. In fact, we make plenty of things,

including world-class airplanes. But the question is whether we can still pay the people who make them a decent wage.

Perhaps not. In the wake of the machinists' rebellion, Boeing is likely to move.

"We're left with no choice but to open the process competitively and pursue all options for the 777X," said Boeing's commercial airplanes C.E.O., Ray Conner, after the vote.

So, off to Texas, where one in four people have no health care, or South Carolina, where a compliant work force would never think of putting up a fight? And who can blame Boeing? After all, pensions are a thing of the past, aren't they? Wages and household income, across the country, have not risen in nearly 15 years.

This is supposed to be the age of the gig economy -- every worker an entrepreneur. But it hasn't translated to a fix of the greatest economic crisis of our times: how to preserve a declining middle class.

The distilled wisdom on this subject says that education -- elevating minds, skills and critical thinking to match a tomorrow economy -- is the way forward. And everyone in this tomorrow-economy state seems to agree. Except, look at what happened here, a parable for troubled times.

The state agreed to subsidize Boeing to the tune of \$500 million a year over 16 years. That's twice what the state gives to the University of Washington, the region's flagship college, long an elevator to the middle class.

Maybe the university should threaten to leave town.

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Contracting Out Our Democracy

by Paula Joneli, 33rd District Democrats

Website problems with Obamacare rollout ... NSA spying/security leaks ... Hacked (and dysfunctional)

voting machines ... Halliburton profited \$39 Billion in Iraq ... Spiraling debts and deficits, etc, etc, etc.

Is anyone else feeling like our government is out of control and no one is accountable to "We the People"? Yeah, it's a mess ... And with all the finger-pointing and blame-gaming, it's hard to figure out any real solutions that can put our country on a more positive path.

I would submit that direct criticism of our government operations is not very productive because so many of these problematic issues have not been directly performed by actual US Government employees. Many (if not most) of these actual activities have been performed by "government contractors" who are generally paid based on activities rather than outcomes.

It seems that since about the 1970's or 80's, "government contracting" has grown exponentially -- as has our national debt and deficit. I remember hearing the argument that "We can't afford to ____, so let's contract it out." The follow-up question should have been, "If we don't have the funds for government action, how will the contractors be paid?" As a rule, contractors are more expensive because they are obligated to their owners to create as much profit as possible. It makes sense to contract out the manufacture of boats, planes, cars, and other hard goods needed by the government, as well as an occasional temporary project. It does NOT make sense to hire contractors to perform long-term or permanent services. Here are some examples:

- **Affordable Care Act rollout:** Design of software and the website were contracted out to two companies; CGE and QSSI, who have been paid in full even though the website is not working as promised. Four brave House Members (none from Washington State) are asking the Justice Department to sue for a refund of monies paid for this very faulty product. Since this website will be ongoing for many years, it makes no sense to outsource it. The government should hire the IT folks to design, create, and maintain the implementation and on-going operation of the ACA. These government employees will take an oath of

loyalty to the US; not a corporate bottom line.

- **NSA security leaks:** Edward Snowden is the face of this scandal. Snowden was an actual employee of the CIA from 2007-2009. Other than that short time of government employment, Snowden was employed by contractors Dell and Booz-Allen. Snowden's background checks for Booz-Allen were performed by yet another contractor; USIS, whose website promises to "reduce case cycle times" (read: quick turnaround). If National Security is a permanent activity, why are we hiring contractors who give their employees access to our nation's most sensitive information after less than three months of employment (in Snowden's case)? How is it that background checks for these contractors are performed by even more contractors who promise a quick turnaround ahead of thoroughness?

- **Hacked and dysfunctional voting machines:** One of the major manufacturers of voting machines is Diebold; also a primary manufacturer of bank ATM machines. Diebold claims that voting machine source codes and software are "proprietary", and that providing a paper "receipt" of votes cast is "prohibitively expensive". Yet ALL of this information is required by banks who purchase their ATMs. Why are we allowing a private corporation to control such an essential function as our Vote? By allowing Diebold and other voting machine manufacturers to keep these secrets, we leave our entire election system vulnerable to criminal fraud. If Diebold, et al want to sell their product to our government, we must demand full access to all operational programs.

- **Halliburton** (once run by Dick Cheney) is reported to have profited more than \$39 Billion in Iraq: Halliburton and its subsidiaries were the major contractors "supporting" US troops in the occupation of Iraq. These government contractors were charged with everything from building bases to providing transportation and meals to US troops. In the course of these contracts, \$9 billion in cash was "misplaced", GI's were electrocuted in barracks showers built and wired by contractors, troops at outlying bases missed delivered meals, and women were gang-raped by rapists who were never punished ... and Halliburton and its subsidiaries were paid their

full contracts. All of these contractors are performing tasks previously done by US troops; security, construction, cooking, transportation, and military justice. Of course, with an all-volunteer Army, recruits are scarcer; requiring contractors to fill non-combat functions -- at a much greater cost than using GI's. While I am not a fan of the Draft, at least those extra recruits would eliminate the need for contractors -- and democratize military action beyond the current 5% of American families affected by military operations.

- **Privatizing Prisons:** Assigning our Correctional System to private contractors removes the "correction" and incentivizes imprisonment. A private contractor who seeks to rehabilitate inmates and reduce recidivism will soon be out of business. Privatizing our prison system adds a profit motive to keeping ever-more Americans imprisoned, non-productive, and costing taxpayer dollars. This is criminal on sooo many levels.

Contracting out essential functions of our government not only costs far more money for the same service, it also creates a Gordian knot of "accountability", eviscerates any chain-of-command structure, encourages finger-pointing to establish blame, and does not serve the taxpayer who is footing the bill. As taxpayers, we must point out this lack of accountability to our Representatives and push them to re-consider contracting out so many essential government operations.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES ?
 IF SO, THANK YOU – IF NOT, PLEASE DO!
 (Dues for 2014 may be paid up to 3 months in advance)

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CALENDAR

Wed 01/08 30th District Democrats Regular General meeting
 1st Wed of each month, 7-9 PM, doors open 6:30 PM
 WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

Wed 12/18 Exec Board Meeting. Open to all members of the 30th District Democrats, where the members always have a voice. Contact the Chair for location of the meeting.

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